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Editor's Note
Other candidates in the 1989-90 Student Administrative Council election did NOT make themselves available to the Niagara News for photographs.

Six try for SAC positions

Six candidates are vying for two positions on the 1989-90 Student Administrative Council and five positions have been filled by acclamation. Voting is Wednesday.

Two students are running for SAC president: Chris Naughton, a computer programming student and vice-president of finance in the present council; and Jim Acsai, radio and television.

The position of vice- president of social affairs has four candidates: Cass Howorth, RTV; Nicole Chubaty, RTV; Francine Power, fashion arts; and Brad Chatwin, computer programming. The post was previously called social convener.

Those elected by acclamation are: executive vice-president, Karl Anselstette, RTV; vice-president of athletics, Marc Sigouin, business administration; vice-president of finance, Annarita Scremin, Business Administration and executive vice-president of the outgoing council; vice-president of internal affairs, Anthony Notte, RTV; and vice-president of external affairs, Tracey Luby, RTV.

Campaigning which began March 16 runs until tomorrow.

There will be 11 polling booths: the Tecumseh foyer, the mini-caf, the main cafeteria, the Merritt building, the Simcoe building, the McKenzie building, the Empire Street Centre, Theatre Arts Centre, Hotel and Restaurant Administration in Niagara Falls, and the Horticulture and Mack Centres in St. Catharines.

Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thank you, Niagara

And, particularly, Jennie Griffiths. Visitors from Changsha University in China with which Niagara is twinned expressed deepest appreciation to Mrs. Griffiths who organized a book collection last spring for the university. It included a complete Collier's Encyclopedia, a two-volume dictionary and some 200 books, most of them Canadian. Here, Mrs. Griffiths makes a token presentation to the Chinese visitors. From left, Luo Xiao-Fan, associate professor; Mrs. Griffiths; Yang Rong-Gui, president Changsha University, who said the collection will be the cornerstone of an English library within their library; and Yang Jian Gen, high-ranking official Changsha Education Commision.

Photo by Shelley Moore

No word from Jackie

Council wants nurse back, save money elsewhere

By SHELLEY SOUTHCOTT
Staff Writer

The status of the Niagara College Council's recommendation for the reinstatement of a school nurse remained unknown due to the absence of the college president at this month's council meeting.

Jacqueline Robarts and the vice-president of academics, Tony Knowles, were unable to attend the March 14 meeting, as they were in Toronto trying to raise funds for the renovation of the St. Catharines Campus, council was told.

Council chairman Tom Fraser told council he assumed the president would report back on the issue at the next meeting she is able to attend.

At last month's meeting, council unanimously recommended the review of the college's health services by council committee be submitted to the Board of Governors, along with a request that the board reconsider its decision and reinstate the position of college nurse.

The position of college health nurse was one of several positions and programs cut to reduce the college deficit last year.

French immersion first for college

Niagara College is offering its first French Immersion Program this spring.

Registration began March 20 for two courses, six weeks and 12 respectively.

The 12-week course is for students who are not fluent in French, while the six-week program is aimed at those who have some familiarity with the language. An oral admission test must be passed to enter the six-week program. Both will begin May 1, and will be held at the Welland campus five days a week, six hours a day.

The French Immersion Program is focused on oral French. The goal is to "become functionally bilingual," Michel Parent, administrator of French Language Services, said.

Students and area residents are encouraged to enrol in the program. Costs are $504 for the 12-week course and $252 for the six-week course. A discount is offered to senior citizens. The program must meet its costs if it is to succeed, Mr. Parent said.

Classes, which will be taught by experienced teachers who speak French as a first language, will be limited to 15 students. They will include laboratory work, basic writing skills, and participation in French cultural events such as the St. Jean Baptiste celebration on June. 24.

Horticulture Centre Open House successful despite weather

By LISA CHOMA
and TONY POST
Staff Writers

As winter's icy grip wreaked havoc outside, Mother Nature flourished in all her splendor at the Niagara College Horticulture division's annual Open House in St. Catharines March 18 and 19.

Inside, hyacinths, crocuses and daffodils bloomed, filling the air with their sweet fragrances, and the room with their rich colors.

The Open House is held every spring to display the work of students and inform the public on what the school does. Attendance is usually 5,000 to 6,000 people. However, this year's turnout was not as high as other years because of the weather, Peter Mansfield, program co-ordinator, said. "Saturday was a disaster," he said, "but Sunday it was wall-to-wall people in here."

Peter Thompstone, an instructor in the program, said the opening is a definite statement on what teamwork can do. "The Open House is a solidifying event. It gives all who participate a sense of pride in what can be achieved."

This year again there were many fascinating exhibits. Floral design students displayed their talents at the entrance of the Ivan D. Buchanan Hall, home of the program for the past 20 years.

"The show allows us to be creative," student Carol Kehoe said. "It is a lot of work, but it's worth it."

The Horticulture Centre's Open House last Saturday and Sunday in St. Catharines was a family affair with old and young alike out to see the brilliant flowers and interesting displays. Orchids, vegetables, an enchanting Victorian garden, bonsai, water gardening were only some of the sights and smells available to the spring-thinking crowds. Photo by Bernie Puchalski

Victorian garden

In an atrium between the building and the greenhouse, students produced an awe-inspiring Victorian garden complete with blossoming cherry saplings, a fountain and pre-cast interlocking "classico" stones.

As visitors travelled through the maze of hallways and greenhouses, they were engulfed by the sights and scents of spring, as well as informed on the proper techniques of pest control (complete with a collection of insects donated by the Vineland Research Station), and informed of current trends in landscape design.

The Orchid Society enchanted visitors with its popular display of brilliant orchids. Across the hall, Roy Nagami, from the Bonsai Society, answered questions about the ancient Japanese art of growing shrubs and trees in shallow containers. Bonsai, pronounced bone-sai, is Japanese for "tree in a tray."

Mr. Nagami, who teaches an evening course in Bonsai, explained that the whole technique is aimed at taking a relatively young tree — either from a pruning or from seed — and hastening the process so that it looks old. The results are magnificent; roots are exposed and branches are wired to create a miniature model of a mature tree.

"It takes five to 10 years to actually say you have an established Bonsai," Mr. Nagami said.

This, of course, should not deter anyone from trying it, but having a green thumb does help. Unfortunately, no Bonsais were offered for sale.

"If I do sell a tree, I lose a tree that I cannot replace," Mr. Nagami said. "What then would I have left to show my students?"

The horticultural centre has about 8,000 square feet of glass and poly houses containing an outstanding collection of common and unusual plants. "I had no idea banana tree leaves were so big," remarked one visitor. "Geraniums sure are blooming early this year," joked another.

Water garden

In one of the greenhouses, where the strong scent of pine permeated the air, a water garden display was set up. Water gardening — growing water plants or incorporating a waterfall or pond into your landscape — is becoming popular.

There was also a children's garden where kids could color in pictures of plants, and stick their hands in the dirt (soil).

The two-day Open House was part of an exciting weekend for the Horticultural Centre. On March 18 it played host to a 20-year reunion of former alumni. About 240 people attended.

For the seafood lover, a fund raising feast

By LAURENE LOCKHART
Staff Writer

It could be the catch of the year for the Niagara College Foundation. Niagara College students will be serving up wine and all the seafood you can eat at The Great Canadian Seafood Extravaganza.

The foundation was set up in the Fall of 1988 by the college Board of Directors, when it found out that a grant from the provincial government would cover only the cost of a new unfurnished building.

The building, a new training centre for the Tourism/Hospitality students, is needed because of a lack of space in the old facility. Charles Complin, Executive Director of the foundation, said there was not enough room in the old building to "swing a cat".

The foundation has set a fund-raising goal of $200,000 to meet the cost of cooking equipment among other items.

ON MARCH 31

The Seafood dinner, at Victoria Park Restaurant March 31, is promising to raise $18,000 to add to the more than $50,000 already raised.

Mr. Complin and the other committee members are encouraging tables of eight to pay $60 a person. Three hundred tickets are expected to be sold.

Only $15 of each ticket sold is being used to pay for the "classy affair," Neil McGregor, Chairman for the Hospitality and Development Division of the Rainbow Hotel Centre, said. The remainder will be accepted as a donation and will be tax deductible.

Mr. Complin said that the fund-raising foundation is "gaining momentum".

He said the foundation will remain in existence long after the new training centre is in operation.

Local wineries are offering support, not only by donating wine to the Seafood Extravaganza, but by donating a case of champagne to the Champagne Raffle earlier this year; it raised $1,000.

The Chateau des Charmes Winery of St. David's developed a special blend for Niagara College, and is donating $5 for every bottle sold. When all the wine is sold the foundation will receive another $30,000.

The restaurant for the dinner was donated by the Niagara Parks Commission.

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College Open House promotion hopes to boost enrolment

Invitations and advertisements are being distributed to prospective students, schools, libraries, and businesses in the province to attract about 10,000 people to the April 9 Open House at Niagara College.

Fred Habermehl, executive dean, said many creative ideas have gone into the planning of the first springtime Open House in 10 years to show the community that "we are interested in helping people find and train for the career that is right for them."

"We want to show the community that we have a lot to offer at the college, and, therefore, it is important that every aspect of our activity be highly visible."

The displays will include posters, videos, slide shows, equipment in operation, and on-the-spot demonstrations. The exhibits will be on show in classrooms and hallways from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Habermehl said every section of the college is expected to have a display table advertising its respective programs with people on hand to answer questions on specific program areas.

He said Open House is to give the general public, whose tax dollar supports the college, "an opportunity to come in and see that we are good stewards of the tax dollar."

It is the second Open House in a month to promote Niagara College. The first was the Horticulture Centre's annual two-day Open House in March that attracted about 4,000 people.

Open House is planned to influence high school students' decisions to pursue a career at the college.

March winds do blow

This die-hard kite flyer will stop at nothing to see his Alien Life Form kite reach for the sun. Launching the comical ALF into outer orbit is a difficult assignment, especially when the temperature is hovering below zero. Temperatures in Welland are expected to rise for the Easter weekend. That adds up to a lot of happy kite flyers. Photo by Blair Burgess

Council on paid parking

Lot enforcement ideas inadequate

By SHELLEY SOUTHCOTT
Staff Writer

Enforcement of paid parking measures are inadequate, the Niagara College Council said at its March 14 meeting.

Although the council supported paid parking in principle it recommended the proposal's enforcement measures be reconsidered by the parking committee.

Tom Fraser, council chairman, said paid parking was "probably a sure thing since so many other colleges are doing it," but questioned the "free rein" approach to parking implied by the proposal.

Mr. Fraser told council the parking committee's question and response supplement to the proposal stipulated a salary of $30,000 annually for what was interpreted as the employment of one bylaw officer and security personnel to police the lots.

"Most of the information we got last day strikes me that we will — to keep cost down to a minimum — not use the guards very much at all," Mr. Fraser said.

The council concluded the result of the poorly enforced proposal would be a breakdown of the paid parking system.

"Even if the students paid for Term 1 (parking), by the time they see the habits that are going on and the way that people are getting away with parking illegally, I doubt if we'll collect any student's funds for Term 2," Mr. Fraser said.

Janet Forfar, membership chairman, said, "The basic flaw in the whole parking argument is that they're trying to do something without spending any money."

Council suggested the use of electronic gates with automatic arms to be operated by coin or coded cards, as an alternative to the proposal's enforcement measures.

Mr. Fraser told the council Niagara College parking lots are designed perfectly for metering, as almost all have two entrances.

"One could be an entrance, the other could be an exit. They are designed so they have two gates now."

Council voted unanimously that the monies generated from paid parking should go directly to parking lot improvement and to area beautification, and not be siphoned off in other pursuits.

The paid parking proposal was submitted to the council for modification. It is still to be approved by the president's Operating Committee and the Board of Governors.

Under the proposal full-time staff will pay $60 a year, full-time students will pay $40, and part-time staff will pay $20 for parking beginning in September.

Letter

Too few candidates

Dear Editor:

With the upcoming elections for the 1989-90 Student Administrative Council fast approaching, I have a few questions I must ask regarding our candidates.

First of all, campaigning started eight days ago (letter was dated March 23) and there are no posters up anywhere for the position of president. I have to wonder how serious a candidate is when eight days into the campaign, he has yet to start campaigning. Also, if a candidate can't find the time to make and put up posters, how can he expect to find the time to be the president of SAC? Especially if he is going into the second or third year of his course.

If you were a student here last year, you will recall the mass amount of posters around the school for every candidate. Mike Ferrerri and I had at least one poster every 10 feet, including the satellite campuses. With that, we still only had an eight per cent voter turnout. I'm wondering who will actually vote for someone who doesn't really care about the job.

I know that when March 29 comes around, I will be withholding my vote unless these candidates get serious.

Come on, guys, what can you possibly be thinking?

Randy Conlon
SAC President 1988-89

Labatts helps fund Tourism Centre

The Niagara College Foundation has received a donation of $5,000 from Labatts, one of Canada's largest breweries, as part of efforts to raise $200,000 to furnish the new Tourism/Hospitality Training Centre in Niagara Falls.

Emil Rinderlin, fund-raising chairman, accepted the donation on behalf of the foundation on March 17. So far, more than $52,000 has been raised by the foundation.

The $6.5 million centre is being built by the provincial government to accommodate 500 students who will be trained in all aspects of the tourism industry. Programs will be offered in housekeeping, front desk, food and beverage.

Charles Complin, the foundation's executive director, said the primary job of the foundation is to furnish the new facility "to cater for what has become the fastest growing industry (tourism) in the Niagara peninsula."

"More people want training in this field than the present facility can afford."

The centre will be completed in August, in time for the 1989 fall term.

Mr. Complin said a dinner advertised as The Great Canadian Seafood Extravaganza will be held at Victoria Park Restaurant in Niagara Falls on March 31, to help raise money to buy furniture, refrigerators, and other fixtures for the centre.

He said tickets are $60, and anyone buying a ticket will be given an income tax receipt for $45.

"What they will actually do is buy a ticket for $15 and make a donation of $45 to the foundation which will result in a reduction in their income tax returns," Mr. Complin said.

"We are hoping that this (dinner) will make $12,000 to $15,000 to match the many donations received by the foundation."

Alarm rang for test

The quiet life of Niagara College's Welland campus was abruptly shattered by an alarm shrill on Tuesday morning.

Instead of causing panic and a rush to the exits, the alarm got quite the reverse reaction. Students quietly, but reluctantly, vacated the building to move into the cold weather outside. Although the word "fire" was heard several times among the crowd outside, nobody seemed to be taking it seriously, as if they were used to such alarms.

Jack Spittle, director of property and plant services, said the alarm was mainly for test reasons.

"We wanted to make sure the system was working and to check if all the outlets were functioning as they should."

Though there should be an alarm about twice a year, teachers do not like to be disturbed, he said. As a result, the office tries to hold one at the least inconvenient time for everybody and still provide the test.

Foreign trips broaden horizons

Niagara College teacher Brian Keppy is urging students to "broaden their horizons" by offering a trip to Greece this May.

The $1,679 trip includes a tour of Athens, an overnight cruise to Crete, tours of the island, another day-long cruise touring the three major Greek islands and other tours, most meals, airfare and accommodation. It is scheduled to leave in May; however, 25 people are needed and only 12 to 14 people have paid. The cut-off day for registration is March 31. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Keppy in Room S210F.

Mr. Keppy hopes to set a precedent by organizing yearly trips.

If this year's trip does not go, it will be offered again next year. Mr. Keppy is negotiating with a travel agent to arrange a 10-day cruise up the Nile River in Egypt, including tours of the Pyramids and other Egyptian artifacts.

"Getting the first one off the ground is really hard because people come in not knowing that a trip is going to be offered so they blow all their money." Mr. Keppy said the advertisement for next year's trip is going to "start at the beginning of September when people have got money."

Editorials

Writes of passage

Paper changes hands

Springtime signifies a new beginning: a time when nature introduces a whole new lineup. It's a fitting occasion for the first efforts of another Journalism-Print class. This edition marks the passage of the reins from a group of seasoned reporters in second year to new hands.

It is now our job to provide an accurate view of what is happening around the college. Striving to do that is a crucial part of learning the intricacies of news reporting.

A learning process like this, which involves hands-on experience, is much more effective than lectures, books, or exercises could be. The responsibilities of going to press reinforce all those hours spent in class, struggling to grasp what this game is all about.

This arrangement of words on newsprint should also be an informative experience for the reader. Out in the real world, not many publications survive without loyal readers. Even though the main objective of this paper is to introduce student journalists to the world of deadlines and accurate reporting, what is written must be of interest to everyone at the college to be of any value.

As we undertake the responsibility of upholding the reputation of this long standing publication, it is our wish that you, the reader, will find our efforts both interesting and worthwhile.

Virgil Klassen

Potholes a pitfall

Muddies parking issue

To many people spring conjures up images of rebirth, new beginnings,and fresh starts.

To the Niagara College students who arrive later in the day than 9:20 and who are forced to use the "temporary"parking lots, spring means a battle of man against nature.

As the ensuing flood caused by the spring thaw brings forth life and beauty in other areas of the college, the temporary lots turn into gravelly quagmires, ruining everything from the look of a freshly washed car to shoes and clothing, as students desperately wade their way through to dry land.

Is this what is meant by the struggle for higher education?

Beware the bottomless, water-filled potholes, poised hungrily, waiting to feast upon the next unsuspecting motorist unfortunate enough to pass their way.

If thorough checking were done, it would be found that a high percentage of students, previously thought to have dropped out of school, were actually consumed, car and all, by the five-miles-in-diameter potholes in these temporary lots — never to be seen again.

Whoever said April showers bring May flowers, did not have to park in the college's temporary lots.

Shelley Southcott

Twin isles a paradise

Antigua, Barbuda islands heartland of Caribbean

By LOUIS DANIEL
Staff Writer

Although it advertises itself as the heart of the Caribbean, Antigua and Barbuda, a small twin-island nation of 80,000 people, is almost unheard of in international circles. When anything is said, it's in relation to the Bird dynasty — the Prime Minister, Vere Bird, and two sons — which has manipulated the country's politics for most of the last 40 years. The powerful Bird family somehow represents the mystery and fallacy in which Antigua and Barbuda has always been shrouded.

Antigua is the larger of the two islands, being 108 square miles. It lies about mid-way in the Caribbean chain of islands, and for this reason is sometimes referred to as "the hub of the Caribbean." There are 365 gorgeous beaches on and around the coast of Antigua — one for each day of the year as emphasized by the island's tourist board — making the island a paradise, and a tourist haven.

Barbuda

On the other hand, Barbuda is 62 square miles with a population of about 1,200 people, all of whom live in the sole village of Codrington. It lies about 25 miles north of Antigua and is linked by both air and ferry. Barbuda is a low-lying wooded coral island which abounds with bird life, wild pig, and fallow deer. It offers excellent fishing and underwater exploration of old shipwrecks. Barbuda has some of the finest beaches in the world, one of which is 14 miles long with some of the finest white and pink sand you will ever see.

During the days of slavery, Barbuda was used as a stud farm. The biggest, strongest, and best of African men and women were taken to Codrington to be bred as mere animals. The island was then ceded by the British crown to the Codrington family who ran it as their own fiefdom. It was annexed to Antigua after the emancipation of slavery in 1834.

Since the demise of sugar, tourism has taken over as the main dollar earner, generating more than 60 per cent of the Gross National Product. There are a few other industries such as agriculture with exports of some exotic fruits to Europe and the United States, the manufacturing of the famous Cavalier Rum, hosiery and garments for the American market, furniture, paints, paper products, home appliances, wines, liqueurs and pottery.

Antigua and Barbuda, like most of its sister nations of the Caribbean basin, is a stone's throw (technologically speaking) from the United States. It, therefore, falls in the pathway of American communications, becoming totally and unreservedly exposed to American perspectives and lifestyles. The country is subjected to the pressures of a fragile tourism economy and external, cultural, and political influences peculiar to its geographical location.

The long-distance traveller is well served by international airlines making regular stops in Antigua from Europe, New York, or Miami. Outside the airport, St. John's maintains its reputation of a good town for shopping with the recent opening of two new shopping centres. The new and modern stores of Heritage Quay specialize in duty-free sales, while those of Redcliffe Quay, housed in renovated buildings resembling the island's early history, display boutique merchandise.

Antigua has always been attractive to the active vacationer and the sports-minded, but now it offers more than ever before: tennis (tournaments of up to three weeks draw professionals from around the world), golf at 18 and nine-hole courses, horseback riding, deep-sea fishing, scuba diving, snorkeling, and sailing, including the internationally recognized sailing week each spring. This year it will be held from April 30 to May 8.

For most visitors, the big attraction of the year is Carnival, which is held every year during the last week in July. This year's dates are July 24 to August 1.

Sightseeing

Nelson's Dockyard at English Harbour remains the main tourist attraction not only in Antigua, but in the entire eastern Caribbean. Two other sightseeing attractions are the sailings aboard the "pirate" ship, Jolly Roger, and the helicopter flights ranging as far as Barbuda.

For $30 U.S., the Jolly Roger takes passengers on a five-hour fun-filled outing along part of Antigua's west coast, returning back in time to meet the Tropix nightclub in full swing. That's if the passengers survive the Jolly Roger rum punch made from Antigua's Cavalier Rum, a mixture of orange and pineapple juice, and the grenadine cherry syrup.

Make reservations today to soak up the sunshine, play on the white sand beaches, fish, dive, and sail the clear blue-green seas, and groove to the pulsating rhythm of calypso. The Bird family will be happy to have you to boast of their success and prosperity in a country "where land and sea make beauty."

Count the days before the school year is over — there aren't many left! Getting final assignments, essays and exams over with is on every student's mind. Maria Pule, first year journalism student from Botswana, works at brushing up her practical skills at the typing tutor on a break from writing and studying. Photo by Elaine Wilson

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FOCUS

LASA student plans trip east for visit to Anne Murray museum

By LISA CHOMA
Staff Writer

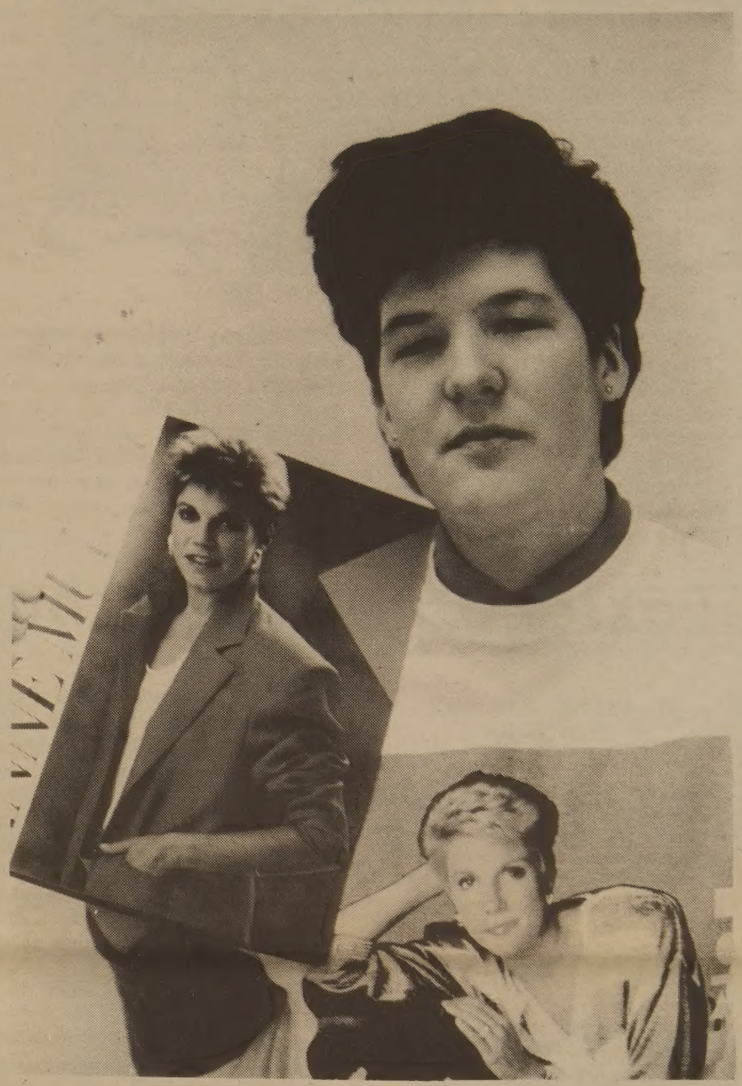
Lynn Iding has always wanted to travel east, but now she has a reason.

A first-year law and security student, she will vacation this summer in Springhill, N.S., specifically to visit the Anne Murray Museum.

The fact that she has attended nine Anne Murray concerts in the last 12 years does not adequately describe her enthusiasm towards one of Canada's most popular female vocalists.

The traits that make Anne Murray popular are her personable interaction with the audience, and the down to earth image she projects through her music, she said.

"You have to see Anne Murray live in concert before you can appreciate her. Once you see her, you're hooked."



LYNN IDING

WAS TEACHER

Born in Springhill in 1945, Anne Murray worked as a physical education teacher at the high school level.

She appeared as a singer on Singalong Jubilee, where she met producer Bill Langstroth who encouraged her singing career. They later married, and shortly thereafter, her first hit single, Snowbird, topped the charts.

Anne Murray was chosen female vocalist of the year in the Juno awards from 1978 to 1981.

In 1978 she won in the category of Best Children's Album, entitled There's A Hippo In My Tub, and won subsequent album awards in 1979 for New Kind of Feeling and in 1980 for Greatest Hits.

ALL AGE GROUPS

Her diversity in music draws appeal from audiences of all age groups. She is well known for her country style, although she has alternated to pop-oriented and synthesized music. In the last few years she has extended her arrangements to acoustical sound. This is one of the reasons she has maintained her popularity and sustained her career.

Lynn reflected on a recent concert when she finally caught one of the roses Anne Murray threw into the audience.

"It was quite an accomplishment for me."

To accompany the rose, Lynn has every album in the collection, except What About Me, together with all sorts of memorabilia.

PERSONAL INTEREST

Since Lynn has been enrolled in the law and security program at Niagara College, she has taken a personal interest in several activist groups and rallies such as International Women's Day, Aids Action Now, and pro-choice groups. She is a member of the St. John Ambulance, and attends workshops for special groups.

Sometimes her participation in these groups is in direct conflict with what the law and security program is teaching, but "often you have to look beyond the other side of the fence," Lynn said.

She clarifies this by referring to her visit to the Morgentaler Clinic, a Toronto abortion clinic.

"Most feminist work is slow, but sure progress. Mass education will invariably change individual attitudes towards a positive change for the future."

Lynn is unsure about the type of career she will pursue. Ultimately, with her remarkable enthusiasm and dedication, "East" will not be the only direction in which she travels.

Earthquakes possible for Niagara Peninsula

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

Earthquake engineering. Not a term heard in everyday conversation. Human nature being what it is, earthquakes are always somebody else's concern — until an earthquake occurs in the back yard. The Niagara Peninsula is in a low-risk earthquake zone, but that doesn't mean an earthquake can't happen here.

According to the latest findings of the National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research, the probability of a major earthquake occurring in the Eastern United States is nearly 100 per cent. No one knows where it will hit, but the experts say it's not a question of "if," it's a question of "when."

Earthquakes throughout history have caused more damage and loss of life than any other type of natural disaster. They don't happen often in this part of the world, so few people have memories of earthquakes. Maybe that's part of the reason there's so little public information available on the subject.

Armenia

The recent earthquake in Armenia gave people a glimpse of the destructive power in an earthquake. It showed that it's the chain reaction after the ground starts shaking which does most of the damage. Many times it's the falling buildings which kill and injure most of the people. In North America, areas like California recognize the earthquake threat, and, in California, buildings are designed to withstand the shaking forces of an earthquake.

California is familiar with the subject of earthquakes, but there's no guarantee earthquakes will confine themselves to the places most likely to experience them. The earthquake experts are finding they've been concentrating on areas like California while ignoring the eastern half of the continent. The focus is changing rapidly. Today, the most up-to-date research is taking place all over the North American continent. In fact, the National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research, the hub for all American earthquake research, is located in Buffalo, N.Y.

From the outside, the NCEER is a building just like the ones surrounding it on the Amherst Campus of the State University of New York, Buffalo. Only when one moves inside Ketter Hall, does the intent of the study in question reveal itself.

The study is earthquake engineering, and here is where much of the research is carried out. This $50 million research centre was established by the U.S. government in 1986. It's the first centre to emphasize the national character of the earthquake threat by co-ordinating everyone involved in earthquake research.

In a cavernous room inside the building, vast banks of computers and electronic monitors keep track of what is happening to the test models which simulate different types of building structures. People scurry about, making last-minute checks on the experiments, and important looking men watch over the scene.

Scale Models

In the centre of the room, a scale model of a six-storey steel structure towers overhead. It's sitting on a "shaking table" which can create more than 1,000 types of earthquakes, Don Goralski, associate director for public relations, NCEER, said.

The model begins to shudder and shake, giving the observer a realistic impression of what an earthquake would be like. Television monitors keep track of the damper mechanism being tested at the top of the model. The damper seems to be effective in stabilizing the structure.

This is just one experiment of many conducted every day at the NCEER by the researchers there. Mr. Goralski said researchers from around the world visit the centre, and joint studies with other countries are common. The damper mechanism being tested comes from Japan, and several Japanese engineers are in charge of this experiment.

Infant Science

Earthquake engineering is an infant science, according to the people at the NCEER. Engineers are developing methods to strengthen existing buildings, and much research has been conducted on the construction of new buildings, with earthquakes in mind.

The present attitude to earthquakes is one of ignorance. Pretending they can only happen somewhere else doesn't protect anybody from them. With organizations like the National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research, it is hoped the government and the people will finally come to terms with the possibility of earthquakes occurring. Then everyone may be familiar with terms like earthquake engineering.

Niagara College Bash to be held at the Duck

Corky and the Juice Pigs and Mike Woods will return to Niagara College joined by Common Language for the Year-End Bash to be held at the Aqua-Duck on April 20.

Originally the Student Administrative Council had planned to hold the bash at the Atlas, but "more students want it at the Duck," Randy Conlon, SAC president, said. "We'd be taking a chance holding it at the Atlas. I don't want another failure."

Aside from paying $700 to get Mike Woods and $700 for Common Language, who will do two sets, SAC will spend $500 on production of the year-end bash. Corky and the Juice Pigs, however, is to be paid for by the Aqua-Duck.

Tickets are $6 in advance and $7 at the door for the 12-hour pub; it will run from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Niagara College closes early

By LISA CHOMA
Staff Writer

It is difficult to describe the aura that accompanies Spring: ice begins to melt, grass changes to an even shade of teal, and leaves begin to blossom on the trees.

Named from the Latin "aprelis" (meaning to open), April was established the fourth month of the Julian Calendar in 46 B.C.

April 1, commonly known as April Fools' Day, was once called All Fools' Day, the traditional day for practical jokes.

Under the reign of Charles IX in 1564, France was the first nation to adopt the calendar, changing the New Year celebration from April 1 to January 1. Those who kept April 1 as New Year's Day were ridiculed, the victims being called "April fools."

While most of the practical jokes taking place among friends are humorous — provided one does have a sense of humor — some have turned out to be less than practical.

For instance, Samuel Stinson, owner of the Samuel Stinson House, later known as the Russell Hotel, (now Jerry's Alley), died by ingesting poison on April 1, 1846, from a concoction of epsom salts and beer.

Mr. Stinson's wife Ann and her friend, William Holmes, were charged with murder. The pair were aquitted by the jury as it could not be determined where the poison had come from, or how he had managed to swallow it.

Nonetheless, at the end of the week, April 1 will again prompt a menagerie of absurd yet harmless jokes on friend and foe. But be reminded! All too frequently, April sneaks up and surpasses us without mention or warning.

Perhaps William Shakespeare said it best in writing: "When proud-pied April, dressed in all his trim, Has put a spirit of youth in everything."

The first-year Construction Engineering Technology-Architecture program held a contest March 14 for their model roof designs. Students made scale mock-ups of their drawings to see how they would work. Andre Blouin, one of the contestants, stands behind some of this years entries. The judging was done by the students from all three years of the program.

Easter Bunny myth brings about some new hare-raising questions

By ANN RADICS
Staff Writer

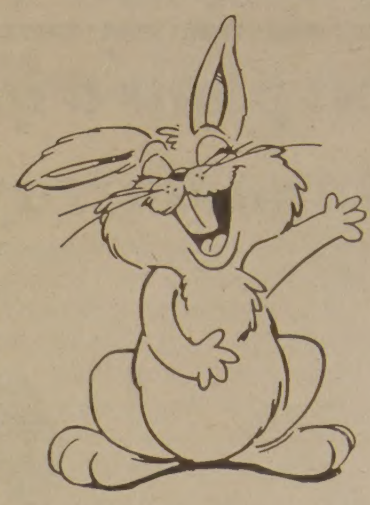
Peter Cottontail is a popular dude this time of year. However, don't be misled by the Easter "Bunny".

Every Easter morning children scurry out of bed in hopes they have been visited by the Easter Bunny — or maybe not.

To be exact, it is an Easter Hare, not rabbit or bunny. Easter is a holiday dependent on the phase of the moon.The hare is a symbol of the moon. Therefore, the two reflect one another and thus leave tradition to the hare.

For aesthetic reasons, perhaps, "rabbit" has been adopted. Who wants to call him a hare? It doesn't sound right. But there are other reasons why North Americans chose it.

The hare was seen as a symbol of the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre and a fertility emblem. Since rabbits are famous for potency, Easter Rabbit became popular.



The Easter Rabbit was responsible for more than giving children chocolate-flavored presents. The tradition of Easter egg hiding began with North American German immigrants a few hundred years ago. Children built nests around their houses, barns, and trees in which the Easter Rabbit could lay Easter eggs. Today, children only know the Easter Bunny hops merrily throughout the night bearing sweet goodies.

The coloring of eggs has taken a turn since the 1800s. German immigrants brought a fire-burning tradition to Fredericksburg, Texas, that is still carried out today. Fires are burned on the eve of Easter in the belief the Easter Rabbit is burning wild flowers for dyes for his eggs. Today children merely hop over to Kmart and buy a $1.97 PAAS coloring kit.

The whole affair of the Easter Bunny is exaggerated by the mass production and distribution of hollow, solid, vanilla, strawberry and banana-flavored bunnies, packaged in big colorful boxes. The average life-span of these treats is about three hours. Easter becomes a sweet memory — and a dentist's nightmare.

Watch out, Bugs and Roger Rabbit. The Easter Bunny has you beaten by a hare.

Students compete in model design contest

Unlike a lot of students, first-year students in the Construction Engineering Technology-Architecture program were using the study week for study. They threw themselves into roofing projects they were assigned to construct as part of their class marks and as entries in a model-making contest.

The first place model, a free-standing wooden frame belonging to Scott Beattie, took two to three full working days to complete; it was made with balsa wood and glue. Others were made of paper, roofing shingles, and children's building blocks.

"It was more a competition with yourself than against the others, " Vince DiFrancesco, whose entry came second, said about the contest.

Hans Miethig, program coordinator, who has been holding the contest for 10 years, is continually impressed with "the imagination and inventiveness that these students have put into their projects. "

"This is the only chance for them to actually construct what they are drawing and to see how it would work. From the looks of the models, a lot of effort went into them."

The students were given complete freedom with materials and design. They were given guidelines and a due date and sent on their way. The project is designed to show the students how to take what he draws and how to make it into a three-dimensional object.

In the first year, the students are taught quantity surveying, basic structural design, and how to prepare and interpret architectural and structural drawings.

This training will allow them to become estimators, quantity surveyors, draftsmen, and field supervisors in the construction business when they graduate.

Easter date keeps changing

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

Easter came early this year — on the calendar that is. The timing of this celebration is confusing. An impromptu poll revealed that few people know why Easter jumps all over the spring calendar.

Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the paschal moon that occurs upon, or next after, the vernal equinox (March 21). Paschal is a fancy word which means "having to do with Easter."

The paschal moon does not necessarily coincide with the astronomical full moon. It is calculated from an age-old system of golden numbers and epacts. Epacts have to do with the number of days by which the solar year exceeds the lunar year.

This complicated rule was established after much controversy and uncertainty which has gone on since the eighth century. Easter goes back to the beginning of Christianity and is probably the oldest Christian observance after the day, "Sunday."

Contrary to modern tales of the Easter bunny, Easter is the principal festival of the Christian church year. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion.

Easter is central to the whole Christian year. The entire ecclesiastical calendar of movable feasts depends upon its date, and the whole year of worship is arranged around it.

The possibility of a fixed date for Easter has been discussed by various churchmen, but no agreement on that date has been reached. The second Sunday in April has been proposed.

The second Vatican Council stated in 1963 that there was no objection in principle to observing Easter on a fixed date.

For the time being, however, the Easter bunny will have to keep readjusting his schedule every year.

Book sale

A book sale at the St. Catharines campus library offers "books that are required for marine navigation and engineering programs," Maria Edelman, campus librarian, said.

"It is a clearance sale of our inventory," she said. "We have reduced prices considerably and people are getting a good deal."

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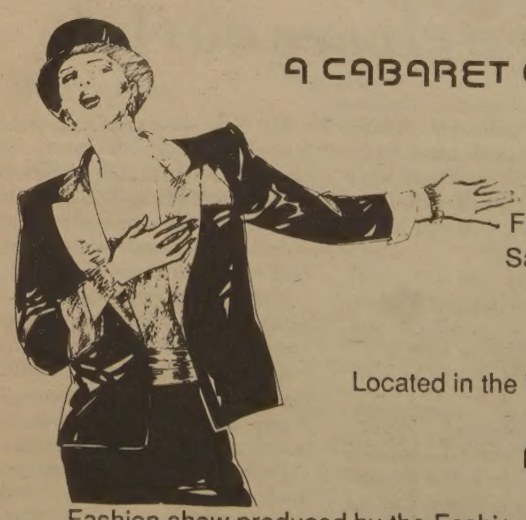
A CABARET OF FASHION



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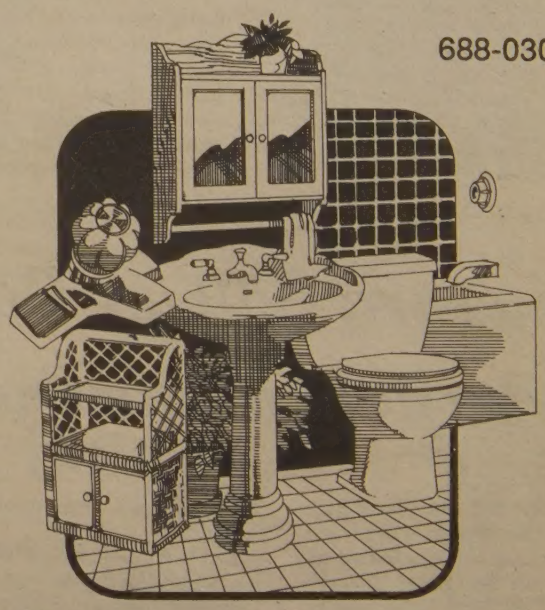

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Niagara College student chosen to attend day care conference

One Niagara College student has been chosen to attend a premier conference in Winnipeg.

Nancy Rotella, a second-year Early Childhood Education student, was chosen as one of nine Ontario students to attend the National Child Day Care Conference in Winnipeg, Man., the first of its kind.

Allison Soave, ECE program coordinator was asked to select two students and submit their names to Kingston where the draw would be made.

Mrs. Soave looked for students who would fit the criteria: share their knowledge openly, both at the conference and upon their return, and benefit from the experience. She chose Nancy Rotella and Sandy Vangeest.

Mrs. Rotella said she felt honored, excited and overwhelmed at being the one to go to Winnipeg.

The mother of two boys, Mrs. Rotella hasn't decided what field she would like to enter but said she would like to further her education in the area of special needs. Even though she loves children of any age, she has a special attraction to 2½ and three-year-olds.

NANCY ROTELLA and ALLISON SOAVE

She leaves April 3 and returns April 9; all expenses paid by the National Canadian Child Day Care Federation.

The package, for all 100 students attending, includes air fare, a room at the Sheridan Downtown, meals and a limousine ride to and from the conference everyday.

Each visiting student is matched with an ECE student-in-training in Winnipeg who acts as a personal guide.

No faculty from Niagara College will be going but there are to be about 1,800 at the four-day conference.

Tourism students offer Discount on photos

Students considering announcing their graduation in the newspaper may have an easy way to do it.

Next week, first year tourism students will accept orders from graduating students who want their pictures in their hometown newspapers. Niagara College will guarantee a minimum 10 per cent discount off any newpaper's regular charge.

"The cost of placing a grad photo in the paper is sometimes very expensive," Bruce McNiven, tourism instructor said. "We are using the college's purchasing power to reduce the rates."

The cost to the student will vary depending on the number of orders placed for each newspaper. If enough students show interest a full page with a Niagara College banner will appear in the paper.

RECOGNIZES GRADS

Foster Zanutto, director of marketing services, has budgeted the money guaranteeing the 10 per cent discount so the college will increase community awareness of its graduates. It provides an opportunity for the college to publicly recognize its graduates.

"It is an excellent marketing tool to promote the college and its programs," Mr. McNiven said. "It gets students to put their own picture in the paper to thank their parents and the school."

A deposit will be made when the order is placed but is refundable if the student does not graduate.

NOTICE JOB OPENING

The Niagara College Student Administrative Council is now accepting applications for the position of **BOOKKEEPER** for the 1989-90 school year. Applicants should currently be enrolled in a Business Accounting course or should have experience in this field.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the SAC office. Application deadline is Friday, April 7, 1989.

NIAGARA COLLEGE GRADUATES CLASS OF '89

We will be taking deposits for grad picture orders March 27-March 31outside room ME 103A (Welland Campus). All photos of graduates from your city will appear in your local paper graduation June 1989, under the headline" Niagara College Graduates." Graduates must supply their own pictures which are non-returnable. Here is an opportunity to thank your family for their support and take advantage of a minimun of 10% savings by booking through Niagara College. Representatives will be visiting satellite campuses to take your order.
For more information contact ME 103A or extension 664.

MARC ROBERT, son of Mr and Mrs Marcel Robert, has graduated from the Hotel and Restaurant Administration Program at Niagara College.

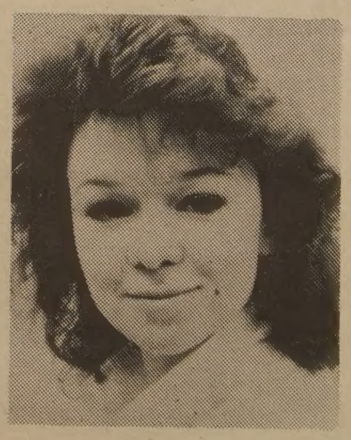
JODY HEDGES, daughter of Mr and Mrs Blake Hedges of Cayuga Ont, has graduated from the Human Relations Program at Niagara College.

FRAN YANOR,daughter of Mr and Mrs R Yanor of Beamsville, is a graduate of Journalism-Print Program at Niagara College.

MARISA BENINCASA, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Benincasa, has graduated from the Dental Assistant Program at Niagara College.

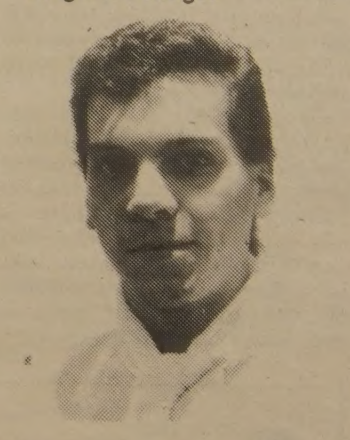
BRIAN STANOFF, has graduated from the Marketing Management Program at Niagara College. Thanks for your support Linda.

HEIDI SCHURMANN, daughter of John and Inga Schurmann has graduated from the Broadcasting: Radio Television Program at Niagara College.

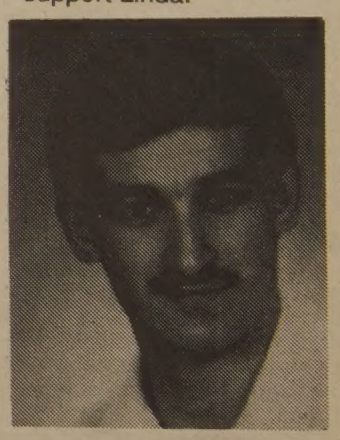


KELLY McEDWARDS, daughter of Mr and Mrs K McEdwards of Gravenhurst, has graduated from the Retail Management Program at Niagara College.

TRACY HOWARTH, daughter of Yvette Parker and Fred Howarth, has graduated from the Early Childhood Education Program at Niagara College.



WADE CRAWFORD, son of Mr and Mrs K Crawford of Niagara Falls, has graduated from the Cook Apprenticeship Program at Niagara College.



ANTONIO LOMBARDI, son of Mr and Mrs A Lombardi of Hamilton has graduated from the Nursing Program at Niagara College.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS FROM NIAGARA COLLEGE & YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL

Students and graduates of the Horticultural Centre got together on March 18 for a reunion. They paid $20 each, for the dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion in St. Catharines. Aside from meeting old acquaintances, the event was also a chance to say farewell to the program co-ordinator for the past 20 years, Peter Mansfield. Photo by Tony Post

Horticultural Centre reunion, Mansfield retires after 20 years

By TONY POST
Staff Writer

Two hundred and forty past and present alumni of the Horticultural Centre attended the 20-year reunion of their alma mater last weekend. The event, held at the Royal Canadian Legion in St. Catharines, was a time to meet old acquaintances, reflect on days gone by, and to say farewell to the man who made it all possible, Peter Mansfield.

Mr. Mansfield, co-ordinator of the program since its establishment in 1968, will retire from his position at the end of this year. "I was going to say I was speechless," he said, "but none of you would believe me.... Thank you for the memories I'll take with me into retirement." The guests applauded him with a standing ovation.

The idea of a reunion was concieved at last year's Open House, but it was not until several months later that a steering committee was organized to plan the event. Committee members are: Lorraine Andrew, Darrell Bley, Paul Holla, Christine Rainer, Karen Young and Bruce Zimmerman.

The committee also had the task of forming the new alumni association. A questionnaire was handed out, asking those attending what they expected such an association to do for them.

WORTHWHILE

Mr. Holla, a horticulture graduate and former technician, said an alumni association will play an important part in demonsrtating to the college that the horticulture program is a worthwhile one.

The program has suffered from declining enrolment for the past four years, and recent cuts by administration have raised concerns at the centre.

"An alumni association will provide a degree of cohesiveness," Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, said. "I cannot see Niagara College not having a horticultural program.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said she was glad to see people working on an alumni association. "It's good for the school."

The alumni association is independent of the college.

FROM FAR AWAY

Former students came from as far away as New Jersey and Sudbury to be with their former classmates. "We had one hell of a time finding people," Mr. Mansfield said. "We had students right from year one."

The program has helped students in finding employment with local nuseries and landscaping companies as well as more offbeat jobs. Bernie Kwade, who graduated from the program, now works for the Metro Toronto zoo.

A special mention was made of Edna Hartwell who was secretary/receptionist at the centre for 16 years. The new secretary, Sharron Broderick, was also thanked for spending long hours trying to get in touch with people.

Door prizes, flower arrangements and corsages were donated by: White Rose, Westbrook Greenhouses, Vineland Nurseries, Broadway Gardens, Lincoln Green Landscaping, Bakker Nurseries, Gould Nurseries, Sunrise Greenhouses and the horticulture division.

As the lights dimmed, and Steve from Disc-O-Tape took over the microphone, worries about receding hairlines and expanding waistlines were left at the bar, and the hope that the next 20 years will be as good as — if not better than — the past 20 years prevailed.

Economics course needs peer tutors

By ANN RADICS
Staff Writer

If you like to help people and know a lot about a subject, there is a place for you.

Peer tutoring always needs tutors but tutors in economics are wanted now. Mary Farrar, head of the tutoring program, always looks for people willing to tutor.

"I'm still looking for some tutors for the next two months."

A volunteer is paid $5.50 an hour for his or her services. The tutor can have up to 10 hours per week and teach as many topics as needed. The person benefits both teaching and helping.

"It keeps a lot of students in programs," an enthusiastic Mrs. Farrar said.

People who have not tutored before need not worry. Mrs. Farrar has two booklets to help. Guidelines for Tutoring and Helping Others Learn are two handbooks provided to start the tutors. From there, the tutoring process gets rolling.

EIGHT YEARS

Peer tutoring has been at Niagara College for about eight years. Mrs. Farrar has been with the program for three years.

The service, free to students, provides a "helper" to sort out problem areas in schoolwork. Students having difficulty maintaining an average or understanding a subject may apply for a tutor at the career library. A tutor gives one-hour sessions and gives one-to-one treatment, whereas an instructor may not have the time to provide the attention. There are 38 tutors and 44 students being tutored.

Courses that rank highest in services are math, english, sciences, and computers. Any other subject is always regarded as important.

HELPING OTHERS

The reward for a tutor is more than $5.50 an hour, it is the idea that the tutor is helping someone to learn, Mrs. Farrar said. Tutors, who fill out evaluation sheets, are ecstatic when students' grades are higher. One student tutor said it was "a high...knowing I helped." They improve their own skills by teaching others.

This does not mean a tutor should devote all his time to another student. Their own schoolwork always comes before another's.

"I don't want to see them sacrifice their marks," said Mrs. Farrar.

Students do not have to be Einstein to be volunteer tutors. An 80 per cent average in the subject is required, coupled with a desire to help others.

Anyone interested in tutoring economics, or other subjects, should look into the peer tutoring program in the career library, which is in the college resource centre. Mrs. Farrar is always happy to see a tutor and said she "could always use tutors."

"Besides, it's fun to meet the students."

Bands battle in cafeteria for prizes

Niagara College's annual battle of the bands will take place on April 12 in the cafeteria.

SAC is accepting demo tapes from local bands from which they will choose the top four or five. They will compete for a prize yet to be determined.

The bands will play for 30 minutes each, and will be judged on stage presence, audience reaction, overall sound, and originality. All bands must have at least one full-time Niagara College student. The winners will be determined by outside judges.

Last year's winner was bar band First Offence which walked away with $200 in cash.

Artist exhibits works

By ALISON LANGLEY
Staff Writer

Paul Hicks is an exceptional wild life illustrator. His medium is pencil crayon. It takes great skill and an amazing sense of color to bring forth emotion from mere children's coloring sticks.

Hennepin Art Gallery is exhibiting 25 works by Mr. Hicks. Ten pieces are from private collections, and 14 are exquisite wild life scenes available for purchase.

It seems that Mr. Hicks' passion is birds. Many amateur wild life artists attempt to draw birds, but Mr. Hicks easily captures their grace and beauty.

Everything from the hummingbird to the common sparrow seems to spring forward from the flat canvas.

Great attention is spent on details. Eyes peer curiously at you. Feathers rustle as if blown by an unseen wind. One can almost smell the sweet aroma rising from the delicate petals of wild flowers.

There are no background scenes, just empty space. It makes no difference to the onlooker because the eye is always drawn to the extraordinary animals.

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Missed it by that much

Eric Zinczenko, Penn State goaltender, kicks at a wide shot in the Nittany Lions 5-3 playoff victory over the Niagara Knights in the International Collegiate Hockey League championship. Jim Denardi, a second year Niagara forward from Welland, patrols the front of the net hoping for a rebound.

The fourth place Nittany Lions upset the first place Knights in the semi-finals and went on to defeat the University of Buffalo 8-6 to win the title. The tournament was held March 11 and 12 in State College, Pa. Photo by Bill Sawchuk

Five subcommittees report to Vision 2000

By SHELLEY SOUTHCOTT
Staff Writer

Five subcommittees were formed by the Niagara College Council at the monthly meeting on March 14.

The subcommittees were formed to avoid the "free-for-all discussions" which has become a problem at Council meetings whenever an issue has been raised.

The subcommittees will report on Vision 2000, the structure of the college day and timetabling, liaison with high schools and universities, the college image in the community and the general education component.

The Vision 2000 subcommittee will give an overall report on members' ideas to the whole Council for approval before it is submitted to Vision 2000. Vision 2000 promotes the exchange of ideas at Ontario's 22 community colleges to define the role of the colleges in the future.

8 A.M. START

The structure of the college day and timetabling will be studied based on beginning the day at 8a.m., with 50-minute classes and 10-minute breaks.

The purpose is to allow students ample time to travel from class to class. Beginning the classes on the hour would allow for less confusion as to when classes begin. The earlier start in the day would free up such rooms as the Secord room and the Hamilton room.

The timetabling problem will also be studied to avoid confusion at the beginning of terms.

A subcommittee to study liaison with high schools and universities has the objective of promoting the college as an educational alternative. Concepts to be discussed are the needs of high school students and changes in college programs to accommodate those needs.

ENHANCE IMAGE

The objective of the subcommittee for the college image in the community is to define what the college image is and to suggest ways to enhance it.

Problems are negative publicity the college has received in regard to finance and lack of publicity in community newspapers.

Suggestions for improvement range from college beautification to the development of an alumni association.

A subcommittee will define the general education component, designed to broaden students minds, and study its problems.

There have been complaints there is no room for general education within the structure of the one-year programs.

Each subcommittee is responsible for electing their own chairman, and is to report to every Council meeting until they present their final report and have been disbanded.

Clustering proposals to sort out campuses

DON'T LEAVE YUKKIES BEHIND
Put yukkies in their place!

By SHELLEY SOUTHCOTT
Staff Writer

A proposal on how program clustering at various campus locations could benefit the college was supported by the College Council March 14 at St. Catharines campus. It will be sent immediately to Jacqueline Robarts, college president.

The proposal was submitted by Trish Labonte, head librarian, and Patty Faragalli, secondary school liaison. Clustering would allow the library to serve students of similar programs from a common information base and give campuses identities making them easier to market.

Mrs. Labonte said the idea of program clustering was not new but felt the timing could be right for its successful implementation.

Its purpose is to "cluster programs having a common educational focus and reduce the number of campus locations to help the college achieve long-term efficiency and cost savings."

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The initiative done from this perspective means the specifics of the proposal are subject to change. The actual cost of program movement of labs and materials is unknown.

One scenario would be a withdrawal of Health Sciences from the Mack Nursing Education Centre and Mount Carmel. The programs could be clustered with all other health programs at the Welland Campus.

Creative arts programs could be focused at the St. Catharines Campus, including Interior Design, Fashion Arts, Fine Arts, and Theatre Arts.

Skills and upgrading programs like Ontario Basic Skills, Basic Training and Skills Development, College Vocational and English as a Second Language could be clustered at St. Catharines Campus with thought to clustering the technology programs at Welland Campus in the future.

AS PLANNED

The new Niagara Falls centre is already designed to be a program cluster in the areas of Hospitality, Cookery, and Tourism.

If the proposal is implemented, the Rainbow Hotel Centre, the Empire Street Campus, and the Nursing Centre at the St. Catharines General Hospital would close, while the facilities at Niagara District Secondary School, the Shaw Festival Theatre, and Mount Carmel would no longer be needed. Council suggested the money that goes to these facilities for rent could be used to renovate the St. Catharines Campus.

Homesharing for seniors

There is a program available to senior citizens who want companionship, security, greater financial stability and independence.

Home Sharing provide seniors the opportunity to remain in the community by sharing their home or by living in someone else's home. There is only one stipulation: applicants must be willing to make their house a home.

"The program is rewarding for seniors," Michael Horne, second-year social service worker at Niagara College, said. "They can share a home with someone younger. It's an intergenerational program."

Michael is working at the Senior Citizens Department in Thorold as part of his field placement in the social service course. Part of his job is to assess whether home sharing is what the applicants want.

Anyone interested in the program can contact the Senior Citizens Department in Thorold for more information.

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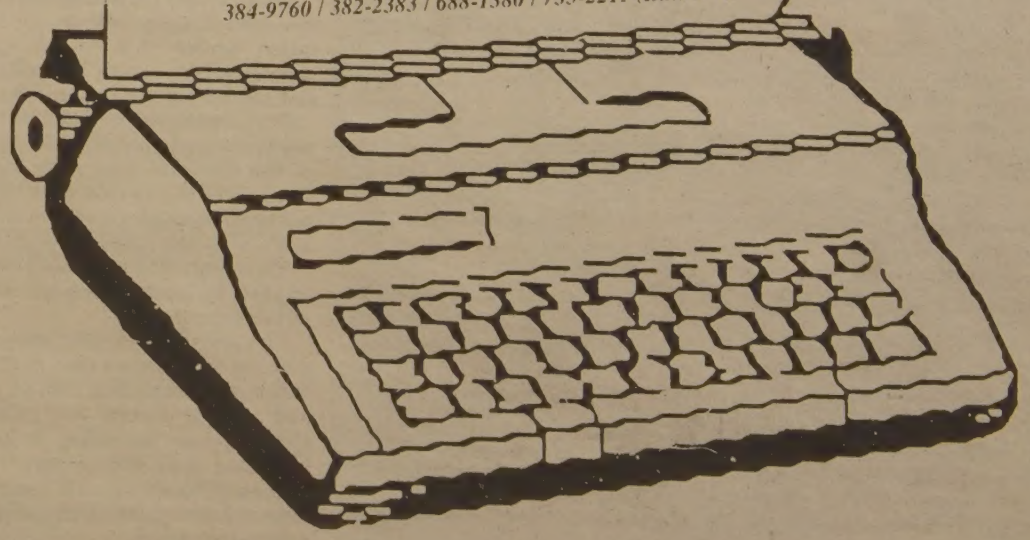

Winter outside, spring inside

Visitors were sniffing, poking and admiring plants at the Horticulture Centre's Open House last Saturday and Sunday in St. Catharines. On Sunday, wall-to-wall people crammed the centre on Niagara Street to catch a glimpse and smell of spring, albeit inside. The devastating weekend ice storm lowered Saturday's attendance but not the enthusiasm of the crowds. Photo by Bernie Puchalski

Crucible a success

About 1,500 people attended the Niagara College Theatre Centre's production of The Crucible in February.

The Arthur Miller play, which premiered at the Shaw Festival on Feb. 17 before moving to the Brock Centre for the Arts from Feb. 21 to 24, drew an average of 250 students per matinee performance, and an average of 100 people each evening performance.

"We've never attracted as many people to a February production," Darcy McHayle, theatre instructor, said. "We had schools from as far away as Oakville and Elora come and see the show."

Although the Christmas time production draws a larger audience, attendance was good, Mr. McHayle said. He pointed out that the Press Theatre was running a production at the Brock Theatre at the same time.

Prizes up for grabs at typing showdown

By JENNIFER HUGGINS
Staff Writer

The fastest fingers in the peninsula may soon be on the loose if all goes according to plan.

The "show down" at Niagara College will take place on April 22.

Yolande Bissonnette, co-ordinator of office administration programs, said the Fastest Fingers in the Peninsula Typing Contest is the first of its kind in the Niagara Region.

The idea came from a conference she attended in June where she met Rose Iacco from Sault Ste. Marie who had been holding annual contests as a way of promoting her department.

Mrs. Bissonnette thought it was a good idea because Office Administration is a relatively quiet area of the college and not many people know what goes on there.

St. Catharines Business Machines donated two portable electronic typewriters for first place. Second prize is a $50 gift certificate from McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited while third prize is a telephone from Radio Shack.

Prizes will be displayed at the April 9 Open House Explore Niagara.

Posters and entry forms were drawn up with the help of Repro-Graphics and French Language Services.

Contestants have their choice of either official language.

Mrs. Bissonnette said so far there has been a good response to the contest but she would like to see a lot of contestants, "at least 100."

At the time of the interview, mostly business students had entered, as well as some adults from the community.

Contest promotion resulted in a rise in applications to the program. Mrs. Bissonnette toured to 12 high schools in the region which in turn brought high school business teachers to the college to tour the facility.

Mrs. Bissonnette, an instructor at the college for nine years, loves and believes in her department and hopes others share her enthusiasm.

Proof that others do share the belief is seen in the amount of help Mrs. Bissonnette received in setting up the contest. "*It's* a lot of work."

Office Administration staff gave their "all" especially Pat Panetta and Judy Smerdon and Marketing's Janet Forfar.

Even though there are only prizes for first, second and third place, everyone who enters gets a "grab bag" and there will be coffee on hand.

"Everybody goes away with something," Mrs. Bissonnette said.

Being your own boss easier than you think

Being your own boss begins with having a plan, and foresight on where you want to go.

"Only one per cent of the Canadian population is entrepreneurial," Rita O'Donnell, consultant for the Ontario Ministry of Skills Development, said at the college March 14.

She was speaking at the seminar about the Student Venture Capital and Youth Venture Capital programs administered by the ministry.

Since summer is just around the corner, and many students are already playing slave to a multitude of application forms, starting your own business may be easier than you think.

The Student Venture Capital loan offers interest-free loans up to $3,000 from April 1 to the last working day of September for students 15 to 18 wanting to plan and operate a summer business.

ENTREPRENEURS

The Youth Venture Capital program offers up to $7,500 to young entrepreneurs wanting to start their own independent business. Applicants must be between 18 and 24 and not attending school full time, or between 25 and 29 and, within one year of the application date, left post secondary school, obtained a trade certificate, or a retraining certificate related to the operation of the proposed business.

Both are sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada and Ontario Chamber of Commerce. Also, Boards of Trade and Technology provide educational and consultative services.

Brochures are available by calling the information hotline 1-800-387-0777. Included are specific details, market strategies, and a cash flow chart.

"You need an idea — not necessarily an original one — where something is missing and you can follow it through," Mrs. O'Donnell said.

For Alzheimer's

Don't forget Tag Day

By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

It's called Alzheimer's, an incurable disease, which more than 300 Canadians have.

April 8 is a most important day for Alzheimer victims — a Tag Day. "Taggers are needed in Fonthill, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Welland, Port Colborne, Thorold and Fort Erie," Eleanor Snider, a Niagara College instructor, said.

Volunteers are needed across the Niagara region from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. The purpose is to raise money for Alzheimer disease. Each volunteer will be in designated areas accepting donations for a maximum of three hours. For more information contact Ms. Snider at Niagara College in S310, or by calling ext. 764 to make arrangements.

In 1930, Alois Alzheimer from Germany first described it, a disease of the brain that affects primarily the elderly. The cause is unknown and there is no cure.

The illness accounts for 10,000 deaths around the world annually. There are four suspected causes: heredity, gene deficiency, aluminum deficiency and/or chemical deficiency.

An individual can only be diagnosed at death with an examination of the brain. This is because physicians can see changes in the brain precisely at this time.

NOT OLD AGE

Many people are ignorant of Alzheimer's disease and truly believe it is brought upon the person simply due to old age. However, there are other neurodegenerate diseases, like hardening of the arteries, that can mimic Alzheimer's.

Before diagnosis is made, the patient needs to have a complete mental and physical examination performed so that everything else is ruled out. This is done because a lot of elderly people are given a variety of medications from their family physicians.

Ms. Snider, who is a registered nurse, outlined the three stages Alzheimer patients will experience. "The first stage is forgetting, — forgetting how to add, where to go or even how to do something they have done most of their life.

"As the illness progresses, the individual will forget what supper is and the difference between hot and cold". The patient will lose "all personal habits. They don't even know they need to go to the washroom."

Throughout the second stage the patient will become extremely dependent. He is capable of stepping in front of a moving vehicle because he does not remember that it could kill him.

The final stage consists of around-the-clock care. "They need immediate care. They forget even to swallow and can choke."

REAL FEAR

"I have a real fear for this...I don't want to live that way," Ms. Snider said. "Sometimes I'll forget someone's name and I'll get real uptight."

A laboratory, at which research will include the study of Alzheimer's disease, was recently built in Toronto. However, like all research centres for cures, it needs funds.

The Niagara Regional Chapter of Alzheimer's disease has raised $25,000 towards the cause.

By the year 2,000, scientists expect one of four adults will be affected by Alzheimer's disease. Ms. Snider asks for people to "come and give them a hand!"

Area schools visit college

Students from area high schools attended Niagara College's orientation earlier this month and became familiar with the college and the courses it has to offer.

Tom Busnarda, co-ordinator of the vocational program, said most of the students were from basic level. "We try to climatize them to the college and give them information on the college," he said.

Three Fort Erie students followed their interests which led them to Niagara College.

Richard Dubuc, 21, said he planned to enter an electrical or building construction course. He had already found the college spirit because according to him, "It has a great atmosphere."

Shane Climenhaga, 19, has two courses in mind: computer graphic designs or electronic technology.

After graduating this year, Kim White, 19, plans to enrol in the Fashion Arts program.

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Sports

Three Niagara Knights are members of the 1988-89 International Collegiate Hockey League all star team. From left to right are Brian Stevenson, Penn State forward; Dan Goldie, Buffalo State defenceman; Josh Brandwene, Penn State defenceman; Jim Beattie, Niagara defenceman; Chris Vandermeer, Niagara forward; and Jim Darling, Niagara goalie. The all star team was named during the I.C.H.L. playoff championships March 11 and 12 at State College, Pa. Fred Bassi, coach of the Knights, received the coach of the year award and Darling the league's most valuable player award. Photo by Bill Sawchuk

Knights lose championship 5-3 to Penn State

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

It's over. The 1988-89 Niagara Knights' drive for a second consecutive International Collegiate Hockey Championship ended Saturday March 11 with a 5-3 loss to Penn State.

The Knights, who were in first place from start to finish in regular season play, were outshot and outworked by the fourth place Nittany Lions at State College Pa. in the semi-finals.

Penn State won the game in the second period with three unanswered goals as they wore out the Knights with tenacious checking and hustle.

John Ioia, Midge Hutchinson and John O'Connor tallied for Penn State in the second as they outshot Niagara 15-8.

FAST START

The Knights got off to a fast start taking a 2-0 lead. Nick Minken put a rebound of a Paul Taylor shot by Penn State goalie Eric Zinczenko at 8:48 of the first. Nick was sitting on the ice at the time after being knocked down attempting to screen the goalie. Jim Denardi scored the second goal as he won a skirmish with Ken Fatur for the puck at the side of the net, did a 180-degree turn and fired a low shot by Zinczenko. Dan Ruetz picked up an assist on the goal.

Trailing 4-2 going into the third, Niagara narrowed the gap with a powerplay goal by Blake Sawyer as he batted the puck into the goal after a scramble. Jim Beattie picked up his second assist of the night with John Ioia in the penalty box for Penn State.

However, less than three minutes later at 9:49, Kevin Stevenson restored Penn State's two-goal lead and ended the Knights season.

ONLY ONE

The team slumped at the end of the regular season and coasted into the playoffs with only one victory in the last four games. When it came to winning the important game,the team couldn't turn it on.

"We were a tired team at the end of the season," Fred Bassi, Niagara coach, said after the game. "I thought we could turn it around in the playoffs but we couldn't."

The Knights went into the game with two key players, Mike Mooradian and Blake Sawyer, playing with separated shoulders and without defenceman Brian Rome.

"We don't make excuses and we don't whine at Niagara," Mr. Bassi said after the loss. The game was a re-match of last year's semi-final which Niagara won in double overtime.

Jim Darling, the MVP and first string goalie, kept the Knights in the game throughout the contest stopping 31 shots as Niagara was outgunned 36-25.

"I did my best,"Darling said after the game. "That's all I can do. It's really tough to watch them rub it in ."

Niagara took 14 penalties while Penn State took 10 in the cleanly played contest.

Miller joins all-stars

Jim Miller of the Niagara varsity men's volleyball team has been named to the Division II all-star team.

Jim, a graduate of Merritton High School in St. Catharines, was chosen by the Division II coaches to the Ontario College Athletic Association team.

Other members of the team include Rob Worthy and Richard Raymond from St. Lawrence of Kingston, Richard Yantha and Doug Braun of Sir Sanford Fleming, and Roger Chouinard from Cambrian.

Niagara's Rene Lanoix, a transfer student from Confederation College in Thunder Bay, was chosen the Division II tournament's top setter.

CLASSIFIED

Fund-raising for Alzheimer's disease will begin Saturday April 8, at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed to accept donations towards the needy cause.

For more information Ms. Snider may be contacted at Niagara College in room S310 or by simply calling ext. 764.

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Canoe trip retraces historic voyage

By SANDRA MILLETTE
Staff Writer

More than 1,600 years ago French Jesuit priests and Huron Indians created a major part of Canada's history. This year students can take part in re-creating that history.

For the summer of 1989, 21 students between 17 and 24 will find employment as canoeists on an expedition called Voyage Huronia/Voyage Huronie. They will have the unique opportunity to travel from Quebec City to Midland, Ont. via canoe.

The trip is being sponsored by Huronia Historical Parks, a branch of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, in commemoration of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons' 350th anniversary. The expedition will involve 24 participants, in three 25-foot canoes, who will retrace the original canoe route of the French Jesuit Priests and the Huron Indians from Quebec City to Midland. Along with the 21 student canoeists, the group will also include one leader/co-ordinator and two assistant co-ordinators. With 55 towns, communities and parks to visit along the way, the 1,250 kilometre trip will take 45 days and is scheduled to arrive in Midland on Aug. 7 during Midland's Shondecti celebration.

Applicants with previous experience in canoeing and the out-of-doors are preferred but above all, individuals possessing excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work alongside other people in stressful situations will be given preference. Tim Seguin, the Distribution Clerk of Huronia Historical Parks, said grades are not a factor. "We're looking for outspoken people; there are more than 50 communities to visit along the route." Applicants must be good swimmers who are able to demonstrate their ability to swim a measured distance fully clothed. Since applicants will be chosen from colleges and universities across Ontario and Quebec, the ability to communicate in both French and English is an asset.

Participants will be expected to attend a mandatory selection weekend April 8 and 9. The mandatory training involved will be held on site at Sainte-Marie (Midland) from May 20 until they set out on their journey from Quebec City on June 24.

With wide media coverage, the nation will be watching. The participants will enlighten the public on the history of Sainte-Marie and her people and will perform short historical re-enactments and stage musical presentations. "We're focusing on group dynamics and learning experiences."

The students will be supplied with conventional food that they will cook over an open fire before retiring to their cozy sleeping bags and tents. They will also be supplied with modern safety equipment including personal flotation devices, first-aid equipment and two-way radios. The group will navigate using up-to-date maps, charts and compasses.

In addition to all of the obvious benefits, the participants will also receive a pay cheque upon completion of the journey.

The amount awarded to each student depends on the provincial and federal grants from both the Challenge Program and the Experience Program. Mr. Seguin did, however, give a ballpark figure of $2,000 to $3,000 after taxes, per student.

Qualified applicants, who wish to make this summer a memorable one, may send a resume along with a 250-word essay explaining why they would like to accompany this trip. Resumes may be sent by fax on or before the March 31 deadline. Those unable to meet this deadline should call the office. Write in C/O the Expedition Co-ordinator, Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, P.O. Box 160, Midland, Ontario, L4R 4K8. (705)526-7838 fax(705)526-9193.

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In like a lion, out like a lion?

Neighborhoods became glistening fairylands for a few days last week when everything seemed magically coated with foil from icicles caught quickly in the thaw and freeze momentum of March. Photographers were out in force capturing the sunlit sparkles that covered everything from eavestroughs and trees to car bumpers and road signs throughout the banana belt.

Stop, think and learn

Within one year, Niagara College hopes to introduce language across the curriculum which will better students' language skills.

Language across the curriculum is a philosophy of education that, in time, will enable students to use clear and precise English skills throughout every subject in as many contexts as possible.

The policy will call for instructors in subject areas other than English to stress the importance of language skills to their students. Rather than multiple choice or true/false tests, instructors are asked to use essay-type questions.

Gary Webb, co-ordinator for first-year English, said, "To develop a language is to develop the thinking process. Language is the key to all areas."

The language policy can call for students to keep a daily journal specifying what they have done and learned in class. It seeks to have instructors create as much written and oral verbal interaction among the students and vice sa. "A lot of instructors are doing it now," Mr. Webb said. "They recognize the importance and it gives them an extra tool to work with."

Employers are stressing that graduates should come out into the work force having good language skills and knowing how to put them to use.

Teacher moves to manage challenging department

Nancy Cain, former teacher of Gerontology, is now manager of the Calendar Department and Continuing Education Services. She began the job this month. Mrs. Cain said she "is really enthused" about the job she thinks will be " a real challenge."

The former manager, Candace Paris, has accepted a position with the Niagara Regional Rehabilitation Centre.

Mrs. Cain, married with two teenaged sons, said her family is very pleased about her new job. She will miss working with the students — she found the gerontology students to be "really caring kinds of people." However, she looks forward to working "on the development end of things."

Mrs. Cain, a college employee for five years, will be responsible for scheduling and co-ordinating both credit and noncredit courses in the calendar department; deciding on the courses to be offered; working with teachers on course evaluations; and planning for next term.

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